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Brent Townshend

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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 - A. Information Disclosure Statement
 - B. Form PTO-1449
 - C. Cited References

2. With respect to additional fees:


 X A. No additional fee is required.
 B. Attached is a check in the amount of \$

3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to the Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

4. X CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8 (FIRST CLASS MAIL): The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the document(s) as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 3rd day of October, 2000.

Dated: October 3 , 2000

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed along with a completed Form-1449.

I. U.S. PATENTS

	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
1.	4,468,204	Scott et al.	August 28, 1984
2.	5,059,127	Lewis et al.	October 22, 1991
3.	5,870,709	Bernstein	February 9, 1999
4.	5,857,173	Beard et al.	January 5, 1999

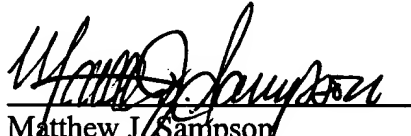
II. FOREIGN PATENTS

	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
1.	WO 98/14934	Neumeyer et al.	April 9, 1998
2.	WO 94/20952	Rtischev et al.	September 15, 1994

III. Discussion

Applicant submits that these documents, whether taken alone or in combination, fail to show or suggest the claimed subject matter. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the entirety of each document and make them of record in this application. Applicant's submission of these documents for consideration is not to be construed as an admission that the documents qualify as prior art to the claimed subject matter, a representation that a search has been made, nor as an admission that the information is considered to be material to patentability.

Respectfully Submitted,


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